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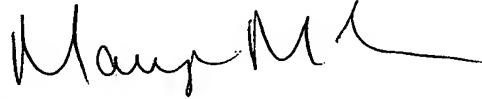
Claims 1-47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6-8, 10, 16, 20, 26 and 27 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-28. Applicant submits that claims 1-28 are still allowable, and that the above amendments to the previously pending claims improve their conciseness and do not narrow the claims.

Further examination and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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